

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

[0006] In accordance with the present invention there is provided a pet door for providing ingress or egress, for a pet, through a structural member while offering a weather-resisting feature that prevents the ingress or egress of environmental elements while the pet door is not in use. The pet door includes two flaps that cooperate to bring about the discussed weather-resisting feature offered by the present invention. One of the flaps is a strip covering the gap between the main flap and the frame. The strip is typically U-shaped and introduces a risk of entanglement for a pet when the two flaps assume a particular position. Because the weather-resisting feature includes a flap that introduces the potential to entangle a pet, the pet door provides a snap fastener based release mechanism for releasing the potentially injurious flap upon its entanglement with a pet. The snap fastener provides the potentially entangling flap with a release mechanism that has a known release force that is repeatable and can be easily and reliably produced in large-scale manufacturing of the pet door.